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 DOCKET NO.: 761/P7US/CVD
 APPLICANT: Liao, et al.

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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/825,360
Filing Date	March 25, 1997
Examiner Name	Tuan Quach
First Named Inventor	Liao, et al.
Group Art Unit	2814
Attorney Docket Number	761/P7US/CVD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

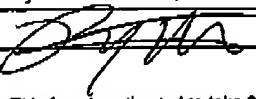
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 - iii. Other _____
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 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
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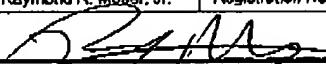
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Applicant: Liao et al

Case: 761/P7US/CVD

Serial No.: 08/825,360

Filed: March 28, 1997

Examiner: Tuan Quach

Group Art Unit: 2814

Title: **AN INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE
FOR USE IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks and Discussion of Issues.

A Notice of Appeal with a three months extension of time fee was filed on February 13, 2003. A five-month extension of time fee is herein included to extend the time for this response to and including September 15, 2003 (September 13, 2003 falling on a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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